

Washington, D.C.--U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted today to eliminate federal funding of Planned Parenthood. The measure passed with bipartisan support 241-185-1. Pence's remarks are below:

"I believe ending an innocent unborn human life is morally wrong.

"I also believe it is morally wrong to take the taxpayer dollars of millions of pro-life Americans and use them to subsidize the largest abortion provider in America.

"Today, thanks to the leadership of Speaker John Boehner, Congress will do something about that.

"Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in America.

"In 2009, Planned Parenthood made a meager 977 adoption referrals, saw 7,021 prenatal clients, and performed an unprecedented 332,278 abortions.

"During that time Planned Parenthood received \$363.2 million in taxpayer dollars.

"Planned Parenthood received \$1 million a day and performed nearly 1,000 abortions a day.

"H.Con.Res. 36 will put an end to the taxpayer subsidy of Planned Parenthood once and for all.

"Despite the hyperbolic rhetoric of the Left, H.Con.Res. 36 will not cut one penny from Title X women's health services, it merely denies those funds to the largest abortion provider in the land.

"Thanks to the leadership of Speaker of the House John Boehner, the American people will be able to see who stands with taxpayers and who stands with Big Abortion.

"I urge my colleagues to respect life and respect taxpayers and support H.Con.Res. 36."